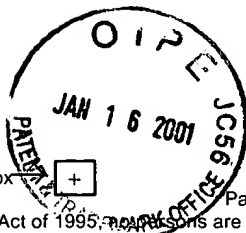


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please add the following new claims 27-50:

Sub 27. (New) A mask for etching, comprising a layer of material resistant to vapor hydrogen fluoride etchant patterned to expose a portion of material under said layer such that said portion can be etched by vapor hydrogen fluoride etchant.

B 28. (New) The mask of Claim 27 wherein said layer of material resistant to vapor hydrogen fluoride etchant comprises polyimide.

29. (New) The mask of Claim 28 wherein said polyimide is photosensitive.

30. (New) The mask of Claim 28 wherein said polyimide is non-photosensitive.

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